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The nuclear weapon states reaffirm their commitment to fulfil with determination their obligations under Article VI, and undertake to pursue in good faith and bring to a conclusion negotiations leading to nuclear disarmament in all its aspects under strict and effective international control. In this context, the nuclear weapon states parties declare unequivocally their commitment to the ultimate elimination of nuclear weapons and to that end agree to pursue vigorously systematic and progressive efforts to further reduce nuclear weapons globally.

All States parties to the Treaty agree that the achievement of the following measures are important practical and immediate steps towards the achievement of the goal of full realization and effective implementation of Article VI:

(a) The immediate commencement and early conclusion of negotiations within an appropriate ad hoc committee in the Conference on Disarmament for a treaty banning the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons and other nuclear explosive devices, as an essential measure of nuclear disarmament as well as non-proliferation of nuclear weapons in accordance with the 1995 report of the Special Coordinator on that item and taking into account views relating to the scope of the Treaty. The Treaty should be non-discriminatory, effectively verifiable and universally applicable.

(b) The early signature and ratification of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test Ban Treaty by all States. Pending the entry into force of a Comprehensive Test-Ban Treaty, all States should act so as not to defeat the objects and purpose of the Treaty, and states signatories should continue with vigour their efforts to build up the Treaty's institutional fabric at its headquarters in Vienna.

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